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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

#### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

The skeleton of a boy was found on the trail from Cameron's Lake to Ogilby Station, twenty miles from Yuma. Coyotes and buzzards had stripped the bones.

The presence at San Pedro of a dozen quarries in the employ of Heldmaier & Neu is another gratifying indication that rock for the breakwater will soon begin to move.

The farmers of San Diego county do not propose to get behind the procession when the steamers start for the Orient via Honolulu, and are preparing to sow wheat to be sold for hay in that far-away city.

Santa Barbara county is the victim of a tie in the vote for Sheriff, and a new election must be held. What a lot of trouble and expense it would have saved had just one more voter gone to the polls on election day.

The body of an Indian woman, in a badly decomposed condition, has been found among the willows below San Bernardino. This is the second squaw that has been found dead under suspicious circumstances within the past few weeks, and the officers propose to fully investigate the case, as foul play is suspected.

It is a somewhat singular result of the election in Arizona that Col. Bodie, the Republican candidate for delegate to Congress, carried more counties than did his opponent, Wilson, and yet Wilson was elected. The aggregate of the majorities in the Wilson counties was greater than that in the Bodie counties.

There are indications that the citizens of Randsburg are getting in earnest about putting a stop to incendiary fires in that place. Randsburg is a pretty orderly place for a mining town, but there is a limit beyond which they will not wait for the law to take its course. The firebugs will do well to take the hint.

Santa Barbara, which sees the birth and the passing away of more newspaper ventures than any other city of its size on the coast, is awaiting the appearance of the Weekly Leader, which will be published by Clinton J. Smith. This rather ungracious introduction should not be taken as evidence of an unfriendly feeling for this latest venture.

While walking over the desert several days ago a man employed at the Golden Cross mines at Hedges, came across the skeleton of a boy evidently about 13 or 14 years old. The boy had been dead some months and nothing could be found about the remains to lead to their identity. The miners removed the skeleton to the town of Hedges, where it was buried.

The apple growing industry in Lompoc Valley has a decidedly prosperous outlook. The output for that valley will reach between forty-five and fifty carloads, about twice the amount of the early estimates of this year's crop. This liberal crop and the large prices the fruit will command will, it is said, greatly stimulate effort in this branch of horticulture in that section.

The editor-in-chief of the Colusa Herald has troubles such as few families would be capable of enduring. Says that paper: "The home of the senior editor of this paper has this week been converted into a hospital—four of its members being sick at once, while the fifth has been howling with a toothache and the remaining eight complaining that they were not feeling well."

The orange crop in Arizona promises to be very profitable this year. The Phoenix Republican says that not only will the yield per tree be larger than ever before, but the oranges are much larger and are ripening earlier than last year. The fruit will, it is expected, reach the eastern markets ahead of the California oranges, and thus avoid competition from this section.

The teachers of Pasadena are doing their full duty in their effort to get the National Educational Association to hold its next meeting in Los Angeles. Superintendent Graham reports that all the teachers, and also a number of other citizens, have agreed to become members of the association if the meeting shall be held in the above-named city. This means a considerable contribution in the way of membership fees.

The ranchers in the vicinity of Ballard, Santa Barbara county, are an optimistic lot, making a striking contrast to the average ranchman in a

dry year. Many of the wells in that valley that have been considered inexhaustible have gone dry, and rain is badly needed, but does not come; but this, they say, is a presage of early rain in abundance, as in all good years the wells lose most of their water a few weeks previous to a heavy rainfall.

Excavations for the fourth gun emplacement at Ballast Point have been completed, and the work of laying the concrete foundation will begin as soon as the necessary cement arrives. About 4000 barrels of this material will be required. All the work from now on, which includes the rock crushing, foundations, placing of the carriage and mounting of the 10-inch rifle, will be done by day labor, under the direction of Captain J. J. Meyler of the engineer corps.

The co-operative colony located on the Davidson ranch, north of Tucson, is reported to be making satisfactory progress in getting the land under cultivation again. The great flood of last August almost destroyed the irrigation ditch supplying the ranch, but the colonists, who took a five years' lease on the property, went to work with teams and scrapers and after two months of persistent work have succeeded in repairing the breach. The colony has adopted the name, "Mutual Co-operative Labor Colony."

A man told the Phoenix Republican the following absolutely truthful yarn: "I heard about a colored man, Henry Owens, or Honest Henry, who had been milking cows and stealing chickens and got caught at it every time. Then he became cunning and took to stealing eggs. He set 'em, and when they were hatched out the detectives came around and identified them by the chicks. Henry had stolen them from a man named Bob Grigsby, who had a peculiar breed of chickens, and nobody else had any like them."

The Oregon Short Line is about to receive thirty-two cars of heavy new rails, which are on their way from Ogden. The Short Line has taken up about seventy-five miles of lighter rails and forwarded them to the Utah and Pacific for the southern extension of the latter road, and the new rails are supposed to take the place of those removed. If, however, the Utah and Pacific were to receive these heavy rails also, it would certainly indicate that this road was coming further south.

Tobacco culture on the San Pasqual ranch, near Escondido, is proving very satisfactory to the promoters of the enterprise. C. H. Hill is enthusiastic over the quality of the tobacco raised there and experts are of the opinion that the leaf is the best which has yet been raised in San Diego county. Sumatra and Havana tobaccos have been raised on the ranch, the latter appearing to be the best adapted for manufacturing purposes, although the veins of the Sumatra leaf are very fine. It is desired to plant 100 to 150 acres of tobacco on the San Pasqual ranch next season, and the continuation of the successful experiments already undertaken there ought to be the means of inducing capital to engage extensively in this profitable industry. The best of the product is worth at least 35 cents a pound.

Mine owners throughout the state are discussing the effect upon California's gold output for the scarcity of water in the mountains, caused by the prolonged dry spell. Col. Doolittle, who is interested in Placer county mines, says that the prevailing dry weather is having the effect of diminishing that county's yield of gold almost 50 per cent. A. M. McDonald, another prominent mining man, estimates that the gold output of Tuolumne county has fallen off more than 33 per cent because of an insufficient water supply. Julian Sonntag, who has just returned from an extended tour of some of the mining counties, says: "All the mines about Nevada City are shut down, and only three at Grass Valley are being worked. In Tuolumne county and at other points many mines are idle, and will remain so until heavy rains come. A great many mines have not been worked for months, because of lack of water."

With some important exceptions the present agreement of the Western Trunk Lines Committee is all right, according to most of the Western lines' attorneys. These include the abolition of all clauses in the agreement providing for the infliction of fines and penalties against any road convicted of rate-cutting. It is all right for the lines to meet to agree upon rates, but they must not undertake to enforce the maintenance of such rates, say their legal advisers. In view of such an opinion some of the Western lines are unwilling to join in any association, while others say that it would be better to have some way of agreeing upon a reasonable basis for rates, even if there is no way of enforcing such rates, than to have the whole rate situation practically left to chance. It is doubtful if anything will be done for the present, and the Western roads will probably wait to see what line the presidents of the Eastern lines adopt at their next meeting, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

#### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Rolled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Frank Berberich was found dead in a filthy hovel in San Francisco. His papers show that he has over \$20,000 deposited in various banks.

Secretary Long found the bids from San Francisco for new officers' quarters at Mare Island so high that all will be rejected and others called for.

Scarcity of logs on Puget Sound, due to the rush of men to Klondyke and war, has led to an advance of \$1 per thousand in the price of lumber.

"Windy Jim" Smith of St. Michaels has planned the longest trip on record. He proposes to carry dispatches from St. Michaels to Juneau, nearly 2500 miles, in three months.

Letters of guardianship were issued last week by the San Francisco court to Mrs. Kluge-Sutro over the persons and estates of the minor children. The will contest will begin soon.

The Alameda sugar works at Alvarado has closed, after a short but successful run. The acreage contracted for would ordinarily yield 80,000 tons, but this year there were but 36,000.

The steamer Wolcott, from Copper River, Alaska, reports the drowning of a woman named Grosscup and a man named Tankerson in Controller Bay. They were rowing on the Chilkat river and the boat capsized.

The miners employed in the vicinity of Silverton, B. C., have rounded up all the Chinese laborers in the various camps and shipped them out of the district. The Mongolians are expected to return to China by the next steamer.

The latest report from General Merriam shows that there are 250 cases of sickness in the hospital at Camp McKinley, Honolulu, with typhoid and malaria on the increase. The New York regiment has furnished the most cases.

The people of Oregon are considerably agitated over the question as to the adoption of a state flower. Up to the present writing "the old-time squash blossom" seems to be in the lead, but there are some back counties yet to hear from.

The California Winemakers, in session at San Francisco, elected the following Board of Directors: Henry J. Crocker, C. F. Monteleagre, B. W. Paxton, Peter Ball, H. B. Chase, D. W. Delmas, W. J. Hotchkiss, Osgood Putnam and C. N. Pickett. No price has been fixed for the wine this year.

The State Code Commissioners at San Francisco will present to the next Legislature the civil and political codes in two separate bills. The commission has prepared a volume of uncodified statutes, carrying the laws adopted in 1850 to the present time that are not embraced in the codes.

Con Van Alstyne, the Klondyker who spent last summer in San Francisco with a box of gold and his wife, whom he had lost in New York and found again in Europe, has been sued in Seattle by his wife for divorce. She claims he beats and abuses her, that he has mining claims worth \$200,000, and asks the court to act accordingly.

The Manufacturers and Producers Association and Board of Health of San Francisco recently considered the proposed pure food law to be presented to the next Legislature. It provides for three commissioners, who shall look after all frauds in foods, drugs and unlawful labels and have jurisdiction over local health officers.

An increased demand from Texas and California oil fields has caused considerable activity in the Pittsburg cordage market. The sales for October were about 4,500,000 pounds at an average retail price of 11 cents. This heavy demand, coupled with the delay in receipts of raw material from Manila, is expected to bring about a sharp advance in price.

The Centennial has reached Seattle from Hilo, Hawaii, and tells of the wreck of the City of Columbia, which for two days and nights was tossed by a storm, and broke down completely on arriving at Hilo. In spite of being badly disabled, with engines out of order and water pouring in, the ship baffled the storm and the perfect discipline of the crew kept the passengers from knowing their danger.

The stockholders of the California Winemakers' Association met in San Francisco last week. Annual reports showed good results, but there is dissatisfaction among the members owing to the fact that operators outside of the corporation received more for '96

wine than members. The question of continuing the organization after next year was discussed.

Irving M. Scott of the Union Iron Works denies the statement that the torpedo boat destroyer Farragut has been rejected by the government. He says that owing to a head wind and a high sea on her trial trip, she fell slightly below the required speed for a full hour's run. These adverse conditions, he says, will be taken into consideration, and another trial of the vessel may be had.

The Southern Pacific is now "breaking in" seven new eight-wheeler locomotives on the run from Oakland to Bakersfield. These are the biggest engines of their pattern on the coast. They weigh 85,000 pounds on the drivers, and 128,000 pounds in all when ready for service. The cylinders are 20x24 inches, and a mile a minute is play for them, as they can make 90 miles an hour. A time card of 14 hours between Los Angeles and San Francisco is in sight.

The postoffice department at Washington has decided not to extend the mail service of Alaska north of the Yukon unless sufficient settlement to warrant is proven. There will be regular service twice a month via Juneau, through Dawson to Circle City and Weare, thence down the Yukon to St. Michaels. This is the first time the Yukon has had any winter service. The mail points on the Yukon are Eagle, Star, Circle, Rampart, (formerly Minook) Tanana, Koyukuk and Anvik.

The Kenilworth, one of the largest ships under the American flag, has reached New York from the Sandwich Islands. Victor H. Genereaux, a San Francisco boy, started with the ship as "bosun," but was made second mate. Forty-two days out from the islands, fire was discovered in the hold. Gas from the cargo of sugar asphyxiated the first mate and cabin boy, and the captain was found dead. For sixteen days the boy was acting captain. At Valparaiso the fire was controlled and a new captain was sent from New York to take charge.

#### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The Prince of Wales has passed his fifty-seventh birthday, and still he has to wait for the crown.

Canada's new Governor-General, Lord Minto, with his family and suite, reached Montreal last week.

Count de Rason, Spanish ambassador in London, denies that the Carlists have raised a loan there.

Li Hung Chang has been ordered to the capital of Shang Tung to prevent future inundations of the Hoang Ho, which is regarded as virtually shelving Li.

La Petit Republique, a Paris paper, says that during the recent trial of M. Zola for libel, Comte Esterhazy was overheard to say that General Billot, former Minister of War, gave him \$80,000 for forging the bordereau.

Lieutenant Gourko, formerly of the Russian navy, under arrest for an attempt to murder a Russian State Secretary at Monte Carlo, has been found dead in his cell. He was seized with violent sickness after a visit from his brother.

A Paris paper declares that neither the United States nor Great Britain can stand alone in the Far East and that "protectionist America will be compelled to accept the 'open door' policy in the Philippines for the sake of British help in China."

The London Times refers to the Spanish suggestion of arbitration in the Philippines as "obviously futile and absurd," and says that the Spanish cabinet is prolonging negotiations in order to familiarize the public mind with inevitable concessions.

It is rumored in Paris that Emperor William wanted an invitation to France as a preliminary to a visit in 1900; also that the idea of sending a squadron to salute him in French water was abandoned on account of the strong opposition of the Chamber of Deputies.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, has issued the necessary orders for the enrollment of a battalion of 1000 Chinese to serve under British officers at Wei-Hai-Wei, the recently acquired British naval station on the north coast of Shang-Tung promontory.

The announcement that two advocates will be sent to assist Dreyfus in preparing his defense indicates that he will not be taken to Paris. The secret dossier will be demanded, and the government will see that it does not gain a publicity that would be dangerous from an international point of view.

It is stated that Great Britain has suggested that the railway between Shanghai-Kwan and Tien-Tsin, already working, and the mines in the vicinity of the railway, should stand as security for the loan under negotiation for the construction of the railway between Niuchwang and Shanghai-Kwan. Russia has assented to this, and discussion on the details of the agreement is progressing.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

### News of the State, Nation and the World

Also Interesting News Items of The War

A Cincinnati has married his mother-in-law. That's one way of getting even, remarks the Buffalo Express.

Another trainload of alcohol billed to Japan has been sent west. It will be used in the manufacture of smokeless gunpowder.

The Philadelphia Times curtly remarks: Of course Cuba, having thrown off the Spanish shackles, doesn't want to be bound down by other of its bonds.

Eastern trade papers are having a good deal to say about short weight wire nails. The impression made is that these goods are generally packed short weight.

The Peace Commission will make an effort to secure from Spain one of the Caroline Islands, which is needed as a cable station. A reasonable price will be offered.

The commerce between this country and China grew from \$8,117,059 in 1893 to \$17,978,965 in 1897. With Hawaii and the Philippines ours the growth will be much more rapid.

General Wood has temporarily suspended foreclosure proceedings in Santiago, as the money sharks are trying to collect loans made during the war without giving reasonable time.

Officers of the Oregon and Iowa gave a banquet at Rio de Janeiro to Brazilian naval officers. They were assisted by Minister Bryan. The American officers formally visited the new president.

In reply to the Spanish request, made through the French Embassy, for more time to complete the evacuation of Cuba, the government has replied that it will not give longer time than January 1st.

After the expiration of his term Governor Adams of Colorado will make a tour around the world, visiting Hawaii and the Philippines, and returning through India, Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Governor Adams of Colorado has received a telegram from Adjutant-General Corbin to the effect that the volunteer regiment now doing duty in the Philippines are to be ordered home as soon as the troops now enroute for the island reach there to take their places.

The Mexican Herald thinks it is characteristic of the people of Paris that they had no other comment to make on the 40,000 troops sent in to reinforce the garrison than that they were badly dressed! The ville lumiere is always alive to questions of good form.

A letter just received from Lieutenant Robert E. Peary by Dr. Robert F. Hill states that no message will be received from him for several years. The Hope cleared the ice fields all right, but Lieutenant expresses fear that the Windward may be delayed by the ice closing in.

The Porto Ricans have petitioned to have Colonel Castleman's regiment of Kentucky volunteers retained in the island. The Kansas City Star continues: Every American regiment in our new possessions should so demean itself as to merit and receive the good will of the inhabitants.

Baron Waldecke de Villamil, an Austrian, captain of the Seventh Volunteer Infantry (immunes) at Lexington, Ky., having been discharged for various offenses, has disappeared. His sword and uniform were attached for debts. He claims to be a cousin to the late Empress of Austria.

A dispatch from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., says that Professor Henry Vaningen, the artist, who had been art instructor at Vassar college since its opening in 1865, died suddenly of angina pectoris at his home, aged 65 years. He was born in Holland, where he received his education, and came to this country about 1861.

The statement of the Adjutant-General shows that General Miles located the camps at Chickamauga, Fernandina, and Miami, Fla., and Camp Alger, Va.; Gen. Lee selected that at Jacksonville and General Merriam that at Camp Merritt, and that the other camps, except that at Tampa, were located by boards of officers.

The New York school board has decided that married women shall not be employed as teachers in the public schools, and adds that "any intention of marrying on the part of a woman teacher shall be regarded as a resignation." This will have no effect whatsoever on the intentions except that engagements henceforth will not be advertised quite so extensively. The schoolma'am can't be excluded from matrimony by resolution, declares the Chicago Times-Herald.